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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**H-5849 and H-5850 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT SPONSOR'S REQUEST**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Monday, March 22, 2021

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5612](#)**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN EYE CARE ACT {LC1805/1} (Provides for consumer protection in eye care services by developing standards and enforcement protocols related to the utilization of assessment mechanisms in the provision of eye care services.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5842](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Potter, Morales, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Fogarty, Kislak, Cortvriend, Batista, Hull**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION {LC1576/1} (Prohibits the state, ERISA or any health plans to purchase referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5846](#)**

**BY Bennett, Craven, Handy, Hull, Casey, McNamara, Williams, Cassar, Abney**  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 2021 {LC2081/1} (Creates a developmental disabilities ombudsperson program to be administratively attached to the department of administration.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5847](#)**

**BY Lombardi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING {LC1697/1} (Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5849](#)**

**~~BY Casey, Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Williams~~**

**~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC441/1} (Requires insurance coverage for health care services provided by a naturopathic doctor licensed in this state.)~~**

~~02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5850](#)**

**~~BY Casey, Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Williams~~**

**~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE OF NATUROPATHY ACT {LC435/1} (Changes the name of doctor of naturopathy to naturopathic doctor and permit them to administer IVs, perform phlebotomy, and consult, but not change, patient's prescription medication.)~~**

~~02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Resolution No. [5937](#)**

**BY Ranglin-Vassell, Fogarty, Kislak, Hull, Ajello, Alzate, Barros, Henries**

**ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE TRAUMA INFLICTED ON CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE {LC410/1} (Creates a 13 member commission to study the impact of the trauma inflicted on children exposed to violence, and report back by February 8, 2022, and expire on May 8, 2022.)**

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6014](#)**

(Department of Health)

**BY Potter, Caldwell, Baginski, Edwards, Kislak, Morales**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS {LC2211/1} (Removes the sunset provision on the requirement that the office of state medical examiners be responsible for a multidisciplinary team review of drug related overdose deaths.)**

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6015](#)**

**BY Price, Nardone, Quattrocchi**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC1376/1} (Requires the mandatory immunization informed consent form contain certain relevant information.)**

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [6016](#)**

**BY Fenton-Fung, Casimiro**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOL FOR ADMINISTERING VACCINES IN THE SAFEST POSSIBLE METHOD TO PERSONS UNDERGOING IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE THERAPIES {LC1851/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6017](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Ackerman, Henries, Batista, Diaz, Donovan, Speakman, Felix**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC1796/1} (Repeals smoke free workplace exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6018](#)**

**BY Kazarian**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOSPITAL WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT {LC2180/1} (Establishes procedures for employees to file complaints with a hospital or the director of department of health, for assaultive behavior or violation of law occurring on hospital grounds/requires hospitals to institute safety training for employees.)

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**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via  
**HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.  
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.  
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HHHS.aspx> .**

## **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

**\*DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 21, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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